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CHAPTER I

THE PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

The author of this study is an officer in the United States Navy. He is in attendance upon a postgraduate course of instruction in Public Information at Boston University under the auspices of the U. S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California.

The author's particular area of special interest in public relations is the various public information activities of the U. S. Navy.

However, in order to broaden the author's knowledge of civilian public relations, the study of the public relations activities of Rust Craft Publishers, Dedham, Massachusetts, was undertaken.

I. SCOPE OF STUDY

It is the purpose of this study to examine the recent public relations activities of Rust Craft Publishers. By recent, is meant those activities in the field of public relations which are currently in progress, or have been completed during the past two years.

All research in connection with this study was accomplished in the months of February and March, 1956. Any

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ALL research in connection with this study was approved by the Committee of Forestry and Nature, 1970, and

public relations activities started, in progress, or completed subsequent to that time, are not reported herein.

II. DEFINITIONS OF TERMS USED

Terms used in this study, unless the context otherwise requires, are defined as follows:

Greeting Card

Simply defined, a greeting card is a greeting on, by, or with a material object, usually a paper product. Subjectively, it may be defined as follows:

A Greeting Card is a song you sing when someone else is glad, or a tear you shed and a prayer you've said when someone else is sad...A Greeting Card is a smile you've sent to a friend you seldom meet; or a moment spent with a memory you still find bright and sweet...A Greeting Card, such a little thing, has a great big job to do, for ¹ a Greeting Card must always be as warm and as real as you!

Rust Craft Publishers

Rust Craft Publishers is a division of United Printers and Publishers (Incorporated), Joliet, Illinois. Rust Craft is engaged in the manufacture of greeting cards. With headquarters at Dedham, Massachusetts, Rust Craft has nine offices throughout the United States. They are located in Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, San

¹Rust Craft Publishers, "A Greeting Card," Sentiment, II (Winter, 1956), 25.

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II (Winter, 1935), 22.

Francisco, Milwaukee, Indianapolis, and Baltimore.

In foreign lands, Rust Craft maintains offices in Toronto, Canada; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Leeds, England; Victoria, Australia; and Wellington, New Zealand. It is currently planned to open an office in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Public Relations

The number of definitions of public relations is legion. While the Rankin definition found in Webster's is the accepted definition of The Public Relations Society of America, the author prefers the following:

THE TERM (sic) "public relations" ... has three meanings: (1) information given to the public, (2) persuasion directed at the public to modify attitudes and actions, and (3) efforts to integrate attitudes and actions of an institution with its publics and of publics with that institution.²

II. ORGANIZATION OF THE REMAINDER OF THE THESIS

The remainder of this study is organized so as to present to the reader, in Chapter II, the history of the greeting card followed by the history of Rust Craft.

Chapter III begins with a description of the top management of both Rust Craft and the parent firm, United Print-

²Edward L. Bernays, Public Relations (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1952), p. 3.

Approved by the Board of Directors, February 19, 1968

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Journal of the American Medical Association

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Expenditure of 1944-45 was \$1,000,000, and the amount of 1945-46 was \$1,000,000.

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ers and Publishers. Next follows facts about the greeting card industry, with emphasis on facts about Rust Craft. Then a brief description of the functions of the operating departments. This section, while strictly informational in nature, will lead the reader to a better understanding of the size and complexity of the production end of a greeting card plant. With this in mind, the reader will be able to relate Rust Craft to other medium-sized manufacturing plants -- thus seeing the public relations potentials as applicable to most similar sized manufacturers.

The next chapter is a discussion of the role of public relations in Rust Craft's organization.

Chapter V examines in some detail Rust Craft's employee relations, dealer relations, community relations and publicity.

The concluding chapter comprises the author's findings and conclusions.

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CHAPTER II

HISTORY

This chapter tells a brief history of both the greeting card and Rust Craft -- they grew up together. The primary research source for this chapter is the Open House Edition of the Rustonian, a Rust Craft house organ.

I. THE GREETING CARD

No better history of the greeting card could be written than that adapted from "The Romance of the Greeting Card" by Ernest Dudley Chase. It is reprinted here:

Who originated the idea of sending a greeting of friendship or love we do not know, but it is not hard to imagine even the cavemen, who knew no written word and had little oral word, searching the forest for some symbol, a leaf, or a flower, to leave with his neighbor as a token of his feelings.

Answering a fundamental need in all men and women, greetings, whether in symbol or written word, must have existed through all the ages, but history has not, unfortunately, preserved for us any record before 6000 B. C. (which is, nevertheless, pretty early for most of us!)

Personal messages attached to New Year gifts have been found in Egyptian tombs dating back to that era. Evidence for the family album, they are the forerunners of today's gift cards.

The New Year was important to the Greeks and early Romans, too. "Pennies" of copper and lucky symbols pictured on terra cotta tablets were accompanied by inscriptions wishing the recipient "A Happy and Prosperous New Year" and many of them are in museums and

THEORY

This chapter deals a brief history of both the theory and practice of the family. The first part of the chapter is devoted to a brief history of the family, and the second part is devoted to a brief history of the practice of the family.

I. THE HISTORY OF THE FAMILY

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The New Year greeting appears in continental European history from then on, appearing in record off and on until about 1450 when it came to stay.

Second oldest branch of the Greeting Card family is the Valentine which had its origins way back in the pagan days of ancient Rome. Changing its character with the coming of Christianity, the Valentine, like love itself, has survived and flourished despite all obstacles through all the centuries since.

Third in the family in point of age, though first in popularity today, is the Christmas card, born in England some time between 1842 and 1846, the natural outgrowth of the New Year and Valentine greeting custom already firmly established. It soon came to America and here in the New World took on a new look.

In the early days American Greeting Cards were available only in limited numbers, but around 1875, Louis Prang, artist and genius, perfected a lithographic process capable of unbelievably accurate reproduction in quantity and entered the field. Prang's contribution to the Greeting Card world can not be overestimated. He left a rich and wonderful heritage. Rust Craft is today the proud owner of probably the largest Prang collection.

In 1890 he retired from the publishing business because poor designs cheapened the field. From 1890 to 1906 it was impossible to buy anywhere, New World or Old, a Greeting Card even slightly resembling the early English or Prang cards and so the Greeting Card industry came close to an early and unfortunate demise.

In the early 1900's men like Fred Rust, with the old ideals before them and with artistic temperament within them, gave the Greeting Card a re-birth and brought it to the position it holds in industry today.

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Second oldest version of the Greeting Card today is
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II. RUST CRAFT

The history of Rust Craft is, in essence, the biographies of the men and women of Rust Craft. Each, more or less, has left his mark in the page of time -- so today, this study is possible.

Fred Winslow Rust, a collector of Louis Prang's picture cards, is the focal point of the beginning of this history. In September, 1906, young Rust opened a one room bookshop on the second floor of a Kansas City office building. This, it might be said, was the forerunner of today's modern "gift shop".

Shortly after opening his shop, Rust realized a boyhood ambition. He published his first greeting card. This, a Christmas Card, was printed in black and red on deckle-edged paper -- the forerunner of today's popular French fold card.

While he sold this card only in his book shop, the card was so successful that it sold over five thousand copies between October and Christmas of that year.

In 1907, Donald E. Rust, Fred's brother, joined him as a partner. Their success with the greeting card was so tremendous that by 1908, they had the first Valentine and Easter cards ready for showing to the trade.

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1955-1956: a collector of Indian fossils.

Monthly after operating for about three months.

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In 1967, Donald E. Hoff, Fred's brother, joined him

The years 1908 and 1909 found the Rust brothers on the road selling their wares. Fred handled the East Coast while Don took their lines to the West.

By 1910, the business had grown so large that they had to drop the retail trade and devote all of their time to manufacturing. The inevitable division of labor was forced upon them, Fred handling creation and sales, Don manufacturing and finance.

To be closer to their sources of supply, 1913 found them moving from Kansas City to Boston's India Street. There they opened with five thousand square feet of space. Thus was born "Rust Craft Publishers". That year saw, added to the family, Charlie Stevens as the sales force, and Margaret Collins as the office manager.

And the Rust Craft Family continued to grow. 1920 found them moving to 1000 Washington Street, in Boston, where more adequate space could be found.

The year 1928 found Rust Craft with 500 employees, 34 full time sales representatives from coast-to-coast, sales offices in Boston, New York, Chicago and Minneapolis. And the 150,000 square feet on Washington Street was already too small.

Fred Rust wrote most of the sentiments expressed in

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from their home lines in the East.

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to the family, Charles Brown as vice sales manager, and together
called to the office manager.

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And that was part of the continuous expansion in

the early cards; sentiments with appeal because of their warmth and sincerity. He personally edited every verse published. And until his death in 1949, in spite of his heavy work load, he continued to write many of the verses used. Warmth and kindness of thought. That was his basic editorial policy -- the policy still in effect at Rust Craft today.

What has contributed to the growth of Rust Craft? It is said that the high standards of writing and editing sentiments, the design and use of color, and the quality of production, are the factors contributing.

Ernest Dudley Chase merged his greeting card company with Rust Craft in 1921. He served first as Creative Director; then later as Advertising Manager. But he is most famous for his "Romance of the Greeting Card", the first and only definitive history of the greeting card industry.

1924 saw the Campbell Art Company married to Rust Craft. Campbell's chief executive, Charles J. West, became Rust Craft's general manager, and later president until his death in 1952. E. Wrightson Christopher, general manager since 1948 and President and General Manager since 1952 is today the guiding hand at Rust Craft.

In 1955, Rust Craft moved to its present site in Dedham, Massachusetts. With 350,000 square feet, the new

and many other statements with appeal because of their
merits and integrity. He personally advised every person
listed, and until his death in 1947, in spite of his heavy
work load, he continued to write most of his various
reports and statements or requests. That was his basic
policy -- the policy still in effect at that time today.

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Campbell's chief executive, Douglas L. West, became West
Camp's general manager, and later president until the death
in 1982. A. William Campbell, general manager since
1960 and president and general manager since 1975 in 1982
the company was at West's death.

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building is the largest one floor greeting card manufacturing plant in the world. It was built at a cost of \$3,500,000. In addition to the eight and three quarters acres now occupied, there are forty-eight acres adjoining available for future expansion.

In the chapter that follows, Chapter III, the material presented has been compiled from three primary sources. They are the Annual Report for 1955 of United Printers and Publishers (Incorporated), an unpublished, anonymously authored manuscript from Rust Craft files, and oral interviews with Mr. Fred Rust, Jr., the Rust Craft Director of Public Relations, and his assistant.

Except where otherwise cited, the material presented in Chapters IV and V finds its sources mainly from oral interviews with Mr. Rust and his assistant, Mrs. Cloud (Rustie) and her assistant, the above mentioned manuscript, and the files of Rust Craft. Included in the files were back issues of the house organs and clippings.

CHAPTER III

RUST CRAFT AND THE INDUSTRY

The leading greeting card manufacturers in the United States in the order of their rank in volume of sales are:

HALLMARK CARDS, INC., Kansas City, Missouri.

RUST CRAFT PUBLISHERS, Dedham, Massachusetts.

GIBSON ART COMPANY, Cincinnati, Ohio.

MORCROSS, New York, New York.

I. UNITED PRINTERS AND PUBLISHERS

Rust Craft Publishers is a division of United Printers and Publishers (Incorporated) -- a member of that family since 1932. With headquarters at Joliet, Illinois, the other members of the family comprise these divisions: The Gerlach-Barklow Company, The F. F. Volland Company, The Artographic Corporation and Greetings, Inc.

United Printers and Publishers' Divisions

The products of the various divisions of United Printers and Publishers, except Rust Craft, are presented here for informational purposes.

Gerlach-Barklow Co. The Gerlach-Barklow Company, of Joliet, Illinois, is the pioneer in the art calendar field. They also specialize in manufacturing other good-will adver-

NEW YORK, New York, New York.
 OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,
 120 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.
 DEAR SIR:
 RE: THE ESTATE OF JAMES C. HARRIS, DECEASED.
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the above matter. The same has been referred to the proper authorities for their consideration. Very respectfully,
 JAMES C. HARRIS, JR., ATTORNEY AT LAW.

Best Chief Industries is a Division of United Industries and Products (Incorporated) - a member of that family since 1932. With headquarters at 2012, Illinois, the above members of the family comprise these divisions: The Chemical Division Company, The S. J. Field Company, The Agricultural

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The members of the various classes of United Kingdom and foreign, except such as are provided for in the following schedule.

Two new operations in manufacturing often good will adver-
tising, Illinois, is now known as the old Columbia Illinois,
Columbia-United Inc. The service-manual company, is

tising media.

F. F. Volland Co. The F. F. Volland Company, of Chicago, Illinois, manufactures the less expensive type greeting card for chain store sale.

Artographic Corp. The Artographic Corporation, of Chicago, Illinois, is the printing company for all the divisions of United Printers and Publishers. It also handles the same merchandise lines as Gerlach-Barklow.

Greetings, Inc. Greetings, Inc. manufactures and sells to major variety chains and independent variety stores; similar in product to Volland.

United Printers and Publishers Management

The officers and directors of United Printers and Publishers is presented here to enable the reader to see how well control is exercised by certain individual divisions.

The Board of Directors. The directors of United Printers and Publishers is listed below. Mr. Yeager also represents Greetings, Inc., as he is handling the general management of the company in addition to his duties in United Printers and Publishers. While Gerlach-Barklow's President, Mr. Irving L. Greene, is not represented on the Board, Mrs. Faulkner may be assumed to be representing the company as she is the

State of Illinois.

L. F. Holland Co., The L. F. Holland Company, of
Chicago, Illinois, manufactures the less expensive type
crossing card for chain drive axle.

Applomatic Corp., The Applomatic Corporation, of
Chicago, Illinois, is the principal company for all the divi-
sions of United Printers and Publishers. It also handles
the same merchandise lines as Carlson-Markov.

Greystone, Inc., Greystone, Inc., manufacturers and sells
to major variety chains and independent variety stores; similar
in product to Holland.

United Printers and Publishers Management
The officers and directors of United Printers and Pub-
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The Group of Divisions, The Directors of United Print-
ers and Publishers is listed below, Mr. Dwyer also repre-
sents Greystone, Inc., as in handling the general management
of the company in addition to his duties in United Printers
and Publishers. While Carlson-Markov's President, Mr. Dwyer
is Green, is not represented on the board, Mrs. Swisher
may be assumed to be representing the company as she is the

widow of Gerlach. Mr. Greene is also the presiding officer of Artographic. Mr. Reilly and Mr. Meiners both are members of A. C. Allyn & Company, Chicago, Illinois -- the investment company for United Printers and Publishers.

Robert H. Stoddard, President and Chairman of the Board

Winston Yeager, General Manager -- Joliet Divisions

John H. Reilly

John C. Meiners

Bernice G. Faulkner

Donald E. Rust, Rust Craft Publishers

E. Wrightson Christopher, Rust Craft Publishers

The Officers. Presented below, is a listing of the officers of United Printers and Publishers. The author suggests that the reader bear these names in mind as some of them appear again in the next section on Rust Craft management. This raises a question. Who does the hiring and firing? The author has been unable to determine the answer to this question. Perhaps, and quite properly so, it best remain unanswered. It will be noted that the word, "family", often appears when talking about Rust Craft and/or United Printers and Publishers. Since the sense of family appears both figuratively and literally -- it is felt that strangers should keep their noses out of other family affairs. Accordingly, the author has so done.

Robert H. Stoddard, President

H. Wrightson Christopher, Vice President

J. M. Reilly, Vice President

R. E. Rust, Vice President

Winston Yeager, Vice President

Grant Gillam, Secretary and Comptroller

Bernice G. Faulkner, Assistant Secretary

John Luecker, Assistant Secretary and Asst. Comptroller

John C. Meiners, Treasurer

Walter R. Wharton, Assistant Treasurer

Walter Bird, Assistant Treasurer

II. RUST CRAFT PUBLISHERS

Rust Craft Publishers, a division of United Printers and Publishers (Incorporated), is the second largest manufacturer of high quality greeting cards in the United States; the largest in the World. Their product is sold throughout the civilized world, from Singapore and Hong Kong eastward to Pakistan and India, from Brazil northward to Alaska. They have offices in nine principal cities throughout the United States; and in five foreign countries. (See Chapter I.)

Rust Craft Management

Having examined the top management of the parent company, United Printers and Publishers, presented next for

Robert A. Johnson, President
The National Association of Public Health
J. H. Smith, Vice President
C. A. Smith, Vice President
Hiram Taylor, Vice President
Helen Gifford, Secretary and Treasurer
Bertha W. Johnson, Assistant Secretary
John L. Johnson, Assistant Secretary and Asst. Correspondent
John L. Johnson, Treasurer
Helen L. Johnson, Assistant Treasurer
Helen L. Johnson, Assistant Treasurer

II. NEW YORK SOCIETY

New York Society, a division of United States
and England (Incorporated) is the second largest
League of High Quality created in the United States
and largest in the world. Their purpose is to bring
the highest world, from Europe and Asia, and
Poland and India, from small countries to Asia, they
have office in New York, office throughout the United
States, and in five foreign countries. (See Chapter I.)

NEW YORK SOCIETY

They are assisted by the government at New York
and other points and facilities, provided with for

examination are the directors and officers of Rust Craft. The reader will observe that many of the names appearing in the roster of United Printers and Publishers' top management also appear here.

The Board of Directors. The Board of Directors of Rust Craft Publishers is listed below.

Donald M. Rust, Chairman
 E. Wrightson Christopher, President
 Frank P. Doolin
 Grant Gillam
 Wm. P. Havican
 John C. Meiners, A. C. Allyn & Co.

The Officers. The officers of Rust Craft are presented next. It is to be noted that Mr. Gillam and Mr. Bird hold comparable offices in both Rust Craft and United Printers and Publishers.

E. Wrihston Christopher, President and General Mgr.
 Ernest D. Chase, Vice President
 Wm. P. Havican, Vice President and Art Director
 Wyman S. Randall, Vice President
 Frank R. Shaw, Vice President
 Charles W. Stevens, Vice President
 Oliver D. Wyman, Secretary
 Margaret W. Collins, Asst. Secretary and Asst. Treasurer

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- ... Treasurer
- ... Director

The Officers

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- ... Secretary and ...
- ... Vice Secretary
- ... Vice Treasurer
- ... Vice Director
- ... Secretary
- ... Treasurer

Walter J. Bird, Treasurer

J. H. Littleton, Assistant Treasurer

Grant Gillam, Comptroller

Frank P. Doolin, Plant Superintendent

Jonathan Wolcott, Sales Promotion Director

Fred W. Rust, Jr., Director of Public Relations

Flora M. Wentworth, Advertising Director

III. THE INDUSTRY

The author here presents some facts about the Greeting Card industry that completes the picture for the reader. The below information has been taken from data compiled by Rust Craft employees. The author takes no responsibility for the accuracy of any of the below statements. However, the author has no reason to doubt their accuracy.

Facts about the Greeting Card Industry

1. Approximately four billion cards are purchased yearly in the United States.
2. 85% of all greeting cards are purchased by women.
3. Average person purchases eight cards yearly amounting to \$1.57 per person per capita.
4. Greeting Cards is a \$250,000,000. industry.
5. 75% of greeting card sales are made by retailers. 25% of sales made outside of retail stores direct to consumer.
6. There is a 50% mark-up on greeting cards.

Director, Bureau of Census
U. S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D. C.
Dear Sir:
Enclosed for you are two copies of a report
on the subject of the Census of the
United States, 1950, which was
presented to the Committee on
Education and the Labor Force
of the House of Representatives
on May 1, 1951.

1. THE CENSUS

The report was prepared by the
Bureau of Census and is intended
to provide information on the
census of the United States,
1950. The report is divided
into two parts. The first part
describes the census and the
second part describes the results
of the census.

2. THE CENSUS OF 1950

1. Approximately 100 million people were
censused in the United States.
2. 95% of all censused people are
represented by women.
3. The census shows that the
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7. 11% of all postal revenue is from Greeting Cards.

8. The first greeting card was a Christmas Card made by an Englishman in 1842. Manufacture of greeting cards began in England shortly after and in addition to Christmas cards, birthday, New Year and Easter cards were manufactured and exported to America.

9. Louis Prang started the manufacture of greeting cards in America in 1875 when his first Christmas cards were published in Roxbury, Massachusetts. The first year they were sent to England for ready sale and were so successful, the next year they were placed on the American market and his business flourished.

10. After Louis Prang's introduction of cards in America, many poorly made cards began to flood the market from other sources and Mr. Prang, being a perfectionist, abandoned his card business in 1890.

11. Cards were practically non-existent after 1890, both in American and European markets until 1906 when the industry was revived (sic) when Mr. Fred Rust, founder of Rust Craft Publishers, created a Christmas Card from (sic) his bookshop in Kansas City, Missouri.

12. Mr. Rust's first Christmas card was so successful that other titles were added, and in 1913 Mr. Rust moved his greeting card business to Boston. It was through the success of Mr. Rust's first cards in America that the greeting card industry has grown to the proportions it now is today.

Facts about Rust Craft Publishers

1. Upwards of two-hundred million cards are printed yearly by Rust Craft.

2. Four-thousand individual numbers are created each year in addition to re-sellers.

3. Two-hundred different titles in the Christmas line alone which consists of between six-hundred and seven-hundred numbers.

4. Two Rust Craft lines -- Seasonal and Everyday -- Season line: 13 numbers; Everyday line: 18 numbers.

7. All of all postal revenue is from Great Britain.

8. The first postage paid was a Christmas card sent by an Englishman in 1873. The nature of Christmas cards began in England shortly after and in addition to Great Britain, Ireland, the United States and other countries were mentioned and reported on mentioned.

9. Louis Brandt started the manufacture of Christmas cards in London in 1873 when his first Christmas cards were published in London. The first year they were sent to England for ready sale and were so successful, the next year they were placed on the American market and his business prospered.

10. After Louis Brandt's introduction of cards in America, many people made cards to flood the market from other countries and the United States, being a part of the Christmas card business in 1890.

11. Cards were practically nonexistent after 1890, both in America and Europe until 1904 when the industry was revived (also) when Mr. Fred Holly (London) started a Christmas card business in London, England, and the company in London City, Wisconsin.

12. Mr. Holly's first Christmas card was an unsuccessful one. Other firms were added, and in 1913 Mr. Holly moved his growing card business to London. It was through the success of Mr. Holly's first card in London that the Christmas card industry has grown to the proportions it has in today.

Christmas Card Industry in the United States

1. Growth of two hundred million cards are printed yearly by Holly Card.

2. Four hundred individual makers are credited each year in addition to Holly Card.

3. Two hundred different lines in the Christmas line along with millions of different Christmas cards and several hundred designs.

4. The first Christmas line -- seasonal and everyday -- began in 1913 under the name of Holly Card.

5. 100,000 verses kept on file in the Verse Department.
6. Rust Craft employs 1,500 persons in the United States.
7. Enough white satin purchased yearly for greeting card bows to make up several thousand wedding gowns.
8. Manufactures the highest quality cards in the industry.
9. Originated the braille cards.
10. Excels in religious designs.
11. Rust Craft is the only publisher that prints off-set on Ethocel.
12. Largest percentage of finished production done by hand. 40% of cards have either card attachments or some other hand work.
13. Work 24 to 48 months in advance in planning; one year in advance in printing; and, six months in advance in selling.
14. Originated the stock-control system of buying in 1933.
15. Only top grade merchandise used in manufacture of greeting cards.

Rust Craft Lines

Rust Craft makes two lines of greeting cards. In addition, they also produce what they call the Boxed Note line.

Seasonal Line. Rust Craft's seasonal line consists of thirteen numbers:

Christmas, New Year's Day, Jewish New Year, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Grad-

1. 100,000 copies sold in the United States.
2. Most (over 1,000) persons in the United States.
3. Those who wish to purchase yearly for printing have to make up several thousand dollars more.
4. Consequently the highest quality work is the best.
5. Originated the British order.
6. British in religious designs.
7. That work is the only publisher that prints all-out on special.
8. Largest percentage of British production goes to the U.S. of course, many other countries of course.
9. Work 24 to 36 months in advance in planning; one year in advance in printing; 24 to 36 months in advance in selling.
10. Originated the steam-control system of printing in 1937.
11. Only top grade materials used in manufacture of printing order.

That Work Done

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ation, Children's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Valentine's Day, and Friendship Day.

Everyday Line. Rust Craft's everyday line consists of seventeen numbers:

General Birthday, Humorous Birthday, Special Birthday, Child's Birthday, Year Birthday, Baby Congratulations, Congratulations, Anniversary, Travel, Illness, Sympathy, Gifts, Thank You, Birth Announcement, Invitations, and Religious.

Boxed Note Line. The boxed note line consists of two numbers, "Nesti-notes" and "Handi-notes."

Sales Distribution

While the following data is somewhat stale because of its age, assurance has been given that there has been no significant change during the intervening years. Rust Craft has supplied the following data on sales distribution:

SALES DISTRIBUTION

<u>STATIONERY DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
Greeting Cards	30.7%
Stationery and Notes	24.2%
Fountain Pens and Pencils	12.4%
Playing Cards and Games	7.3%
Gift Wraps	6.5%
Leather Goods	5.2%
Typewriters	2.8%
Miscellaneous	10.9%

Taken from Department Store Economist, July, 1949...Stationery sales in department stores with annual sales over \$1 million.

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¹ „de la 1880 la 1918” și ² „de la 1918 la 1945”, respectiv.

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Greeting cards produce more dollar sales than any other classification in the department. In many stores they have contributed an even greater percentage.

DEPARTMENT STORESPERCENTAGE

Everyday		57.0%
Christmas *		16.9%
Counter	16.0%	
New Year	.6%	
Thanksgiving	.3%	
Valentine		9.9%
Valentine	9.5%	
St. Patrick	.4%	
Easter		8.0%
Mother Day		4.6%
Father Day		2.5%
Graduation		1.1%

* -- NOT INCLUDING PROMOTIONAL MERCHANDISE. Available figures indicated the volume of Christmas Box Assortments to be equal to the Christmas Counter Business and the volume of Everyday note cards to be 10% of the Everyday Counter Business.

INDEPENDENT STORESPERCENTAGE

Everyday		49.0%
Christmas *		20.0%
Counter	19.0%	
New Year	.7%	
Thanksgiving	.3%	
Valentine		12.0%
Valentine	11.6%	
St. Patrick	.4%	
Easter		9.0%
Mother Day		5.5%
Father Day		3.0%
Graduation		1.0%

* -- NOT INCLUDING PROMOTIONAL MERCHANDISE. Available figures indicate the volume of Christmas Box Assortments should amount to 50% of the Christmas Counter Business and the volume of Everyday note cards should be 7% of the Everyday Counter Business.

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1 - The following information was obtained from the records of the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C., and is being furnished to you for your information.

4 - The following information was received from the
 Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C., on 10/10/54:
 The Bureau of the Census is currently conducting a
 study of the economic conditions of the Negro
 population in the United States. The study is being
 conducted in cooperation with the Social Science
 Research Council, New York City. The study is being
 conducted in order to determine the economic
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IV. RUST CRAFT OPERATING DEPARTMENTS

At this point, many pages of material could be inserted on the operating departments of Rust Craft. Since this is a study in public relations and not one in the manufacture of greeting cards, a very brief description of the function of each department will be presented.

Statistical Planning Department

The basic purpose of the Statistical Planning Department is to maintain a salable and profitable line of greeting cards. This is done by the analysis of sales, salesmen's and dealer's comments, reactions, market conditions, trends and records.

Creative Planning Department

The most important function of the Creative Planning Department is the making of design and idea suggestions on the work envelopes to give leads to the Art Department and Verse Department; and to keep the best possible variety in the lines at all times by constantly striving for new ideas.

Production Planning Department

This department plans production from the standpoint of interpreting sales and deciding on the volume that can be done in a particular line, and the breakdown of volume so that when manufactured, the line will hold together as long

as possible, at the same time ending up with a reasonable inventory. It is this department that determines the exact number of each card that should be printed.

Production Control Department

The Production Control Department is concerned chiefly with the manufacturing of the cards. Here is done the actual follow-up and expediting of all merchandise. This department might be well described as the nerve-center of the entire operation.

Dispatching Department

The chief function of the Dispatching Department is to handle any printing and reproduction that must be done outside the plant.

Art Department

The Art Department produces the designs for the cards. In addition to the staff artists, designs are secured from about ten outside artists who work exclusively for Rust Craft.

Verse Department

The Verse Department makes the heart of the card -- the sentiment. A file of over 100,000 verses is kept. Many verses are secured from outside writers. (Those that are chosen from this source are purchased at an average rate of \$.50 per line. A dollar and up per line is paid for perfect

as possible, at the same time making up with a possible
 inventory. It is this department that determines the exact
 number of men and that should be fixed.

Production Control Department

The Production Control Department is concerned chiefly
 with the management of the work. It is the central
 planning and organizing of all movements. This department
 might be well described as the nerve-center of the entire
 operation.

Engineering Department

The chief function of the Engineering Department is to
 have the best planning and reproduction that must be done outside
 the plant.

Art Department

The Art Department produces the designs for the work.
 In addition to the work of the artist, design and pattern work
 of the artist is also done outside the plant.

Text Department

The Text Department makes the basis of the work -
 the material. It is of over 100,000 yards in length, and
 makes up the material from outside sources. It is the
 source from which the work is produced in an average rate of
 100 per cent. A collar and up to 100 per cent for the work.

verses.) Much verse material is submitted by free lance writers. This has to be edited, revised and polished, (or rejected), by this department.

Humor Department

The Humor Department handles about 400 humorous cards a year. Most of the verses come from outside sources although some are originated in the department. Some are taken from "best sellers" of years past. The largest percentage of humorous cards are the birthday cards, followed by the illness line.

Stock Control Department

The Stock Control Department operates the stock control system. Stock control is a hand-built system which is known as controlled or simplified buying. It eliminates dealers from having to buy out-of-the-bag from salesmen's samples. Stock control is a great time and money saver. It is preferred that dealers purchase greeting cards according to this system which was created by Rust Craft and put into practice in 1933.

Purchasing Department

As its name implies, the Purchasing Department handles all requisitions for supplies and materials used in the making of cards. Only top grade materials are used in every-

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thing that is ordered. It might be well to digress here and mention the papers that are used. Sulfite papetrie, Vegetable parchment and Kromekote are the papers. Purchased in stock, 42 inches by 58 inches, 92 carloads are ordered yearly -- which is 3,300,000 pounds, or \$700,000. worth.

Plant Superintendent's Office

The Plant Superintendent's Office is the clearing house of Rust Craft. Here it is possible to discover within a matter of minutes the stage of production of any individual card.

Production Departments

The Litho Art Department is the first step in actual production. Here is where the half-tones and color separations are made. Accuracy is the key in this department; it is here where the all-important "fit" for the four color process is made. Then there is the Plate, Stripping and Staging Department. Since this is not a study on lithography, this department is mentioned only in passing. Also, there are the Offset Press Department, the Letterpress Department, the Die Making Department, the Die Cutting Department, the Straight Cutting Department, and the Silk Screen Department.

Inspection Department

Here is the "why" of Rust Craft quality. The Inspection Department inspects four to five million cards a week, and

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re-inspects about 190,000. It covers four operations: inspection (34 girls), re-inspection (9 girls), counting (6 girls) and banding and storing (3 girls). Every card is examined for defects. Off-register wrinkles, stockmarks, ink marks or spots, screen process defects, dirt or oil -- all are cause for rejection.

Finishing Department

The Finishing Department has charge of all attachments and trimmings to cards, all hand folding, inspection, salvaging and salesman's samples. In addition, this department cellophane wraps by hand all birth announcements, party invitations and Jewish New Year cards. All cards which sell for \$1.00 or more are hand packed here.

Machine Folding Department

The Machine Folding Department operates 16 Cleveland machine folders. The average production is about 30,000 per machine per eight hour shift. Three-fourths of each line is machine folded.

Box and Box Assortment Department

These combined departments box process all of Rust Craft's cards, Handi-notes and Hasti-notes. The cards are counted by machines but are boxed by hand. Here boxes are labeled, storage is handled and credits returned from the cus-

tomers are taken care of.

Order Department

The Order Department is divided into two units, Seasonal and Everyday. About 700 orders a day are filled, moving 90,000 boxes of cards.

Shipping Department

"Accuracy and speed means on-time delivery." That's the motto of the Shipping Department. This department works three shifts a day, five days a week sending Rust Craft Cards all over the United States, to Canada, Hawaii, Alaska, Bermuda, Brazil, the Argentine, Hong Kong, Singapore, the Bahamas, Pakistan, Ireland, Israel, Panama and Venezuela. Fifty percent of the shipments from the plant are made by truck. The remainder is loaded aboard freight cars at the plant's rail siding.

Receiving, Storage and Transportation Department

The Receiving, Storage and Transportation Department handles about \$3,000,000. worth of work materials each year -- from feathers for attachment to cards, to giant four color presses. In between receiving, storing and shipping, special attention jobs, such as special packing, waterproof wrappings, and the like, are done here.

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Order Department

The Order Department is divided into two units, seasonal and year-round. About 700 orders a day are filled, moving 70,000 boxes of goods.

Shipping Department

"Forwarding and speed means on-time delivery," that's the motto of the Shipping Department. This department works three shifts a day, five days a week handling about 1,000 orders a day. All over the United States, to Canada, Hawaii, Japan, Germany, Italy, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Singapore, and elsewhere, Pakistan, Taiwan, Israel, Japan and elsewhere. Fifty per cent of the shipments from this plant are made by truck. The remainder is loaded aboard freight cars at the plant's rail siding.

Receiving, Storage and Transportation Department

The Receiving, Storage and Transportation Department handles about 15,000,000 units of goods annually each year -- from factories for shipment to wholesaler, to plant for color process, in between receiving, storing and shipping, special inspection jobs, such as special packing, waterproof wrapping, and the like, are done here.

CHAPTER IV

RUST CRAFT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

In this chapter, the author presents the public relations philosophy of Rust Craft. This is done by painting the picture showing the relationships between advertising, sales, and public relations. This is followed by a discussion of public relations at Rust Craft.

I. ADVERTISING

The Advertising and Sales Promotion Department coordinates the plans of the Sales Department with Rust Craft's Advertising and Public Relations Agency, Chambers and Wiswell, Inc., and those of the Dealer's Helps and Advertising Departments.

Contrasted with the work of the Sales Department which has to do with the "personal" side of selling, Sales Promotion and Advertising deals with the "impersonal" side of selling Rust Craft and its product, both to the dealers and to the ultimate consumer.

Advertising and Dealer's Helps Department

The Advertising and Dealer's Helps Department functions primarily to supply Rust Craft dealers with all types of selling helps. Under this classification come background window

THE ADVERTISING AND SALES RELATIONS

In this chapter, the author presents the public relations philosophy of Hunt Gresh. This is done by relating the picture showing the relationship between advertising, sales, and public relations. This is followed by a discussion of public relations at Hunt Gresh.

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displays, streamers, signs, rack signs, title markers, news mats, calendars of memory, vinylite calendars, envelope enclosures, pamphlets, price tickets, wire displays, turntables, and many other items of a similar nature.

This department also prepares, in cooperation with the Advertising Agency, Chambers and Wiswell, trade magazine advertisements, special circulars, and statement enclosures. It also creates special birthday and anniversary greetings for individuals as well as occasional special displays for outstanding events. This public relations function is gradually shifting to the Director of Public Relations.

The Advertising and Dealer's Helps Department plans, designs and creates. In addition, it takes care of manufacturing and distribution details for all material, with few minor exception. Copy is written for pamphlets, news releases, special booklets, and tie-in copy necessary for display or dealer help items. This, Rust Craft believes, is the way it should be done. But in actual practice, more and more of the responsibility is falling on the Director of Public Relations.

Besides coordinating and supervising the work of the department, the department head is responsible to see that the dealer helps and promotional items are planned, created, and delivered on schedule; and to see that the salesmen are fully

display, statement, signs, form signs, title signs, signs
mark, release of energy, vinyls, materials, envelope en-
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Director's and promotional items are planned, printed, and
delivered on schedule, and to see that the information is fully

advised regarding the material developed so that they in turn, may get it into the hands of the dealers for proper display and distribution.

Who does it

Prior to the employment of Chambers and Wiswell, a New York firm handled all Rust Craft advertising. Because of the distance and the fee arrangement, this firm proved to be unsatisfactory to the management of Rust Craft. A Boston firm, and a fee basis for both Advertising and Public Relations, prompted Rust Craft to engage Chambers and Wiswell.

Originally, the amount spent was divided with 80% to advertising and 20% to public relations. Rust Craft claims today that the budget is split about 50-50. However, Rust Craft does not make any distinction between sales promotion and public relations. Evidently, some quarters of management feel that public relations is a function of sales promotion. However, there is no set policy (that is published) regarding this.

Apparently, there is excellent harmony and liaison between Chambers and Wiswell and Rust Craft. They claim that there is always consultation before any tasks are undertaken. And nothing is done without the knowledge and prior consent of the other.

Newspaper and other releases are made either by Rust Craft or Chambers and Wiswell, with the knowledge and consent of the other. Generally speaking, most strictly public relations releases are made by Rust Craft, while the agency makes the promotional and sales type releases. This fine distinction, however, does not always hold true. And there seems no set policy exists in this regard. (See exhibits.)

Rust Craft has no cameras (except those used in the litho process) and no photographers. Fay Photo Service of Boston provides all photo services required by Rust Craft.

II. RUST CRAFT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

From the foregoing it might be assumed that many public relations functions of Rust Craft are being handled by the Advertising and Sales Promotion Department. In a way, this is true. This department, along with the Director of Public Relations and Chambers and Wiswell, make the "team". Their work seems to be completely coordinated. There is no apparent competition between the departments for budgetary allocations, prestige, or position. All pull together for Rust Craft.

Public relations objective

What is their public relations objective? The objective, frankly stated, is to sell more greeting cards. It must

be realized that this cannot be done at the consumer level because of the product. "It's the sentiment that counts." --That's their theme. The only possible way to increase sales, they say, is to increase the space allocated to Rust Craft cards in the dealer's display racks.

The apparent result is that the public relations objectives of the company are not really public relations objectives. Instead, they are sales-promotional objectives. Although Rust Craft is not alone in this misconception of the role of public relations, it is among the few organizations, in the author's opinion, who frankly admit that the sole purpose of their public relations effort is the increase of sales.

Definition of public relations

Although the number of definitions of public relations is legion, public relations has not been defined. Those who study public relations have their concept of it. Those who teach public relations, such as Boston University and others, have their concepts of it. Those who preach public relations, like Edw. L. Bernays, the Public Relations Society of America and others, have their own concepts of it. Those who practice it, such as Hill and Knowlton, Chambers and Wiswell, Gur-Arie and Pierce, Fred W. Rust, Jr., and others -- they all have their own concepts of public relations. And so with the thousands of practitioners throughout the land. And who is

to say who is right? There are public relations directors, vice presidents in charge of public relations, public relations counsels, publicity bureaus, consumer relations directors, industrial relations managers, personnel relations directors, etc., etc....

However, there are certain members of that particular segment of society who practice public relations, under whatever name or title that they choose to use, who have a standardized idea of the role of public relations in society. Their concepts have become the generally accepted concepts. Their methods have become the generally accepted methods. And, perhaps within a few years, these members will win the professional recognition for the field of public relations now held by the fields of medicine and law.

Therefore, it is not surprising to find Rust Craft's Public Relations Director operating in the manner that he does. At the present stage of development of public relations, he cannot be condemned for clinging to the preconceived concepts held by Rust Craft.

But there is this about Rust Craft that sets it apart from the many other companies who call public relations many different things: Rust Craft is on the way to public relations concepts as they are generally accepted by the "professionals".

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Therefore, it is not surprising to find that public relations director operating in the manner that he does. At the present stage of development of public relations, he cannot be considered as a director of public relations as he is not held by that title.

But there is this about that title that was it that from the very beginning and call public relations with different terms. That title is on the way to public relations concepts as they are generally accepted by the "professionals".

The Director of Public Relations

The Director of Public Relations at Rust Craft is Mr. Fred W. Rust, Jr., the son of Rust Craft's founder. As a salesman on the road, Fred, Jr., believed that what Rust Craft needed was public relations. Giving up his selling job, Rust came into the executive offices and assumed the title of "Director of Public Relations". (It is interesting to note that only Rust Craft, of all the members of United Printers and Publishers, has a public relations organization.)

Rust's office is located in the executive offices of the headquarters at Dedham, Massachusetts. Physically, it is located just down the hall from the President's Office and across the hall from the Vice Presidents' offices. His office itself is small in size. There are two desks, one for Rust and one for his assistant. In addition, there are two comfortable chairs for visitors, two two-drawer file cabinets, and a three-shelf bookcase. The impression left with the visitor is one of business and activity. Conspicuous by its prominent place above the bookcase is Rust's certificate of membership in the Public Relations Society of America. Significant are the titles in the bookcase. Many are texts being used in Boston University's School of Public Relations and Communications. In addition, there are other titles on the subject of Public Relations. To this writer, a man's library

is often a good reflection of the man himself. That is why Rust's bookcase is significant. It points the way to better public relations for Rust Craft.

Public relations program

Fred Rust states that Rust Craft has no public relations program as such. He states frankly that they operate as the spirit moves them. He goes on to say that he is new to public relations and has had no training in that field. They are trying to make a go of it and hope that they succeed, he states.

However, all is not as bad as he says it is. The following chapter will illustrate the public-relations-in-action at Rust Craft. And from this beginning, it can be assumed that eventually will emerge a planned and successful public relations program.

III. PUBLIC RELATIONS IN FORMAL ORGANIZATION

Fred Rust's title is "Director of Public Relations". He is not a vice president. He has no other title. He states that no formal organization chart of the company exists although one has been in preparation for about a year. From the way he stated it, it may be assumed that the formal organization chart, if it ever makes its appearance, will be a long time in coming. Evidently, there is too much to be lost at the present time -- too many difficulties as far as

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a long time in coming. Obviously, there is too much to do
just at the present time - too many difficulties as far as

the informal organization is concerned -- to establish or publish a formal organization chart at this time. He feels that sooner or later, the chart will become a reality.

According to Rust, he, as Director of Public Relations, reports directly to the President. He is on the same level of organization as the Advertising Manager. The latter is one level below the Sales Manager, a Vice President. (No mention is made of reporting on public relations functions to the parent company.)

Rust intimated that there is a feeling held by the Sales Manager that the Director of Public Relations should report to the Sales Manager. Evidently, this is an internal difficulty that is being ignored for the time being. No issue has been made in this matter; hence, no policy has been set down. There is ample room for interesting speculation on this matter because of Mr. Rust's relationship to the founder and the financial control possibly held by the interested parties.

IV. THE DISASTER PLAN

One of the most important items in a public relations program is a disaster plan. Disasters in any way, shape or form, can strike when least expected. The uninitiated are usually left holding the bag. But the good public relations

The informal organization is considered as an essential part of the formal organization and it is this which in the long run will determine the success or failure of the enterprise.

According to Mintzberg, an organization of public relations, reports directly to the President. It is on the same level as organization as the advertising agency. The latter is one level below the sales manager, a vice president. It is mentioned in order of reporting in public relations function as the fourth category.

What is claimed here is that there is a feeling held by the sales manager that the Director of Public Relations should report to the sales manager. However, this is an informal relationship that is being ignored for the time being. No sense has been made in this respect since no policy has been set down. There is ample room for interesting speculation on this matter because of Mr. Mintzberg's relationship to the President and the financial control committee and the corporation.

IV. THE CORPUS VITAE

One of the most important items in a public relations program is a clear plan. It is necessary in any way, shape or form, and which may be long or short. The plan should be clearly felt holding the key. The key to public relations

man always has a plan to cope with disaster. Whether the disaster be a catastrophe, or simply a rainshower at a lawn party, the public relations man must be able and ready to cope with the situation.

The following question was put to Fred Rust. "What would you do if one of the employees was seriously injured in the plant today?"

He replied that he had a pretty good idea in his mind about what his course of action would be, indicating to the author that if the situation occurred, then he'd think about what he'd do.

The next question was, "Suppose you should be away on vacation, or out of town on business, when it happened. How would the matter be handled?"

To that he replied that that was one of the things that needed to be attended to, indicating to the author that it really hadn't occurred to him.

There is no disaster plan at Rust Craft. If half the plant should be involved in a disaster tomorrow and Fred Rust were not available to handle the public relations aspect of the situation, there is only chance, and the experience of executives who step forward to handle the situation, to rely on.

and always was a plan to cope with disaster. Whether the disaster be a catastrophe, or simply a misadventure it is less likely, the public relations man would be able to deal with the situation.

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He replied that he had a pretty good idea in his mind about what his course of action would be, indicating to the author that if the accident occurred, that he would think about what he would do.

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He replied that that was one of the things that needed to be attended to, indicating to the author that he would be sure to see to it.

There is no doubt that at that time, it will be found that he is involved in a disaster committee and that they were not available to handle the public relations aspect of the situation, there is only chance, and the opportunity to help executives who step forward to handle the situation, to help

CHAPTER V

PUBLIC RELATIONS IN ACTION

In this chapter the public relations in action of Rust Craft is presented. Divided into three sections, the first treats Rust Craft's internal public relations. The second and third treat Rust Craft's external publics; their dealers and their community. In the last section, emphasis is laid on the publicity aspects of their community relations.

I. EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

There is no formal program at Rust Craft which can be called an employee relations program. However, there are evidences of good employee relations indicative of good internal relations. The more outstanding of these will be described.

"Rustonian"

The house organ is called the "Rustonian". It is management's medium of communication with the employees. Published monthly, it has a circulation of about 1,800 copies. It is edited by Jim Chamberlain who contributes about half the material which is published. (It is interesting to note, that Mr. Chamberlain reports directly to the President, Mr. Christopher.) The other half is contributed

THEORY OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE

In this chapter the possible relations in order of time
 are presented. It is divided into three sections, the first
 section being devoted to the general relations, the second and
 third to the special relations; the first section and
 the second section. In the first section, emphasis is laid on
 the political aspects of their community relations.

1. THE POLITICAL ASPECTS

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"Employee Relations"

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 presented as a medium of communication with the employees.
 Published monthly, it has a circulation of about 1,000
 copies. It is edited by the Chairman and contains
 about half the material which is published. It is interest-
 ing to note, that Mr. Chairman reports directly to the
 President, Mr. (Chairman). The other half is published

by the various departments, usually in rough form. Chamberlain then edits this -- is responsible for the entire publication. Copies are mailed to the employee's home and is usually read by the distaff member of the family before the employee arrives home from work. Copies are also mailed to the homes of the individual employees of the field offices. However, there is no contribution to the "Rustonian" by field employees. (See exhibits.)

Cafeteria

The company maintains a large cafeteria at the plant providing excellent meals at minimum cost for the employees' noontime meal. They also provide, through the cafeteria kitchen, take-out orders. An employee can order Chinese dishes, Italian dishes, and the like, by simply placing an order when he comes in for lunch. It will be ready for him to take home at quitting time. The cafeteria is readily convertible to an auditorium and is at the disposal of any employee group who may desire to use it for meetings, etc.

Just off the cafeteria is the executives' lunch room. It is testimonial of the excellence of the food to note that nearly all of the executives eat lunch here daily and invite their visitors to lunch here with them.

Pamphlet Rack

Directly opposite the exit door of the cafeteria, where

by the person designated, usually in each town. Chinese-
 labor from other parts -- is responsible for the entire supply-
 ration. Copies are mailed to the employer's name and in
 usually sent by the district number of the family before the
 employer receives them from work. Copies are also mailed to
 the names of the individual employees of the field office.
 However, there is no contribution to the "Bureau" by field
 employees. (see exhibits.)

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 he comes in for lunch. It will be ready for him to take home
 at suitable time. The calculus is readily convertible to an
 ambulance and is at the disposal of any employee group who
 may desire to use it for meetings, etc.

Just off the calculus is the excellent lunch room.
 It is essential of the excellence of the food to have that
 nearly all of the employees get lunch here daily and twice
 daily visit one or lunch room with them.

General Remarks

Directly opposite the exit door of the calculus, where

it cannot be missed, is the employees' pamphlet rack. Here the employee will find all sorts of useful information on all subjects from benefits to gardening to tax information. This pamphlet rack is maintained by the industrial relations department personnel.

Credit Union

To the left of the cafeteria exit is the entrance to the Credit Union office. In addition to the usual functions of a credit union, this office also sells coupons for use in the company gasoline station. The gasoline station sells gas to employees at a savings of about \$.03 per gallon.

Gift Shop

To the right of the cafeteria exit on the way back to the plant proper is the gift shop. Here the employee may buy greeting cards (Rust Craft only) and other gift shop items at substantial savings.

Transportation

When Rust Craft moved to Dedham, transportation became a major problem. Many employees who worked at the 1000 Washington Street location depended upon the MTA for transportation. One year prior to the move to Dedham a transportation committee, headed by Fred Rust, was established to determine how many employees would stay with the company and how many would leave because of the transportation situation. Because

it cannot be missed, as the employees' paymaster would have
 the employees will find all their paymaster information on all
 subjects from benefits to working conditions. This
 paymaster will be maintained by the industrial relations de-
 partment personnel.

Credit Union

To the left of the cafeteria will be the entrance to
 the Credit Union office. In addition to the usual functions
 of a credit union, this office will also serve for use in
 the company housing program. The parking station will be
 to employees at a rate of about \$0.50 per gallon.

Gift Shop

To the right of the cafeteria will be the way back to
 the plant proper is the gift shop. Here the employees may buy
 special items (but only) and other gifts about items at
 substantial savings.

Transportation

When the plant moved to Dallas, transportation became
 a major problem. Many employees who worked at the 1900 West
 location lived in Dallas and had to use the bus for transporta-
 tion. Two years prior to the move to Dallas a transportation
 committee, headed by Fred Hunt, was established to determine
 how many employees would need with the company and how many
 would leave through at the transportation situation. The

of the move, very few employees left Rust Craft -- thanks to "good public relations handling of the situation." Of those who left, the majority were North Shore commuters. Actually, for North Shore automobile commuters, the Dedham plant is actually more convenient than the downtown location. Parking facilities and Route 128 make this true.

The Dedham plant is located on the New Haven Railroad. A spur line was to be built to the loading docks of the plant. However, the railroad station was located at Endicott, a half mile away. There is also a station at Dedham -- on another line of the New Haven. The MTA terminated at the Boston-Dedham line, all the way across the town. There is bus service that connects the plant with the MTA terminus -- at best, poor. Transportation to the plant seemed to be hopeless.

Through the efforts of Fred Rust, the New Haven established a station at the plant. The railroad built the loading platforms. Rust Craft built the shelter. Now two trains stop at "Rust Craft" Mondays through Fridays except holidays -- one outbound from Boston in the morning, one inbound to Boston in the evening. (See exhibits.)

For the automobile commuter, there is ample paved parking areas at the plant. Many motoring employees have set up car pools or riding clubs to cut their transportation expenses. Because of the efforts of Rust Craft in looking out

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for the welfare of their employees, there has been minimum dislocation of employees' residences.

Recreation

Fred Rust doesn't believe in giving anything away. As far as the employees are concerned, this is singularly true. When the employees wanted horseshoe pits to use for noontime recreation, Rust provided the materials for the pits on the condition that the employees do the actual work of building the pits during their lunch hour. Rust Craft provided the initial equipment for the pits. But the employees will have to provide the replacements.

When the women employees wanted shuffleboard courts, this posed a problem in policy. The women couldn't be expected to pour concrete. Rust had to back down in this case and foot the entire expense.

Dramatic Club. The employees have formed a dramatic club. Rust Craft endorses this activity which rehearses after working hours and during the lunch hour. The company provides the cafeteria (the attic for noontime rehearsals) for their rehearsals and performances. But to date, the company's financial contributions have been meager pending more enthusiastic participation in the group by the employees. The group is new, having been formed only within the year. They have presented three one-act plays; both at the plant and in

for the review of their employees. There has been no
 discussion of employees' representatives.

Insurance

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 to provide the replacement.

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 this passed a problem in policy. The women wouldn't be
 posted to camp courts. That and so each room in this case
 had for the entire company.

General Staff

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 sport is new, having been formed only within the year. They
 have presented four and-a-half days of the least and is

Dedham High School Auditorium where they were quite successful. Proceeds from ticket sales has met all expenses.

Robed Choir. Perhaps the best known "extra-curricular" activity of Rust Craft is the Rust Craft Robed Choir. This group of voices under the direction of the Sales Manager, a musician in his own right, makes many appearances in and around Boston during the Christmas Season. The demand for this group is great. And Rust Craft regrets that they cannot accept all of the invitations that this group receives. This activity properly might seem to belong under the category of Community Relations. If the group were a non-employee professional singing group, this could be true. But inasmuch as it is entirely an employee group, whose members would take part in this pastime even if they only sang to the four walls of the room in which they rehearse -- it should properly be classified under Employee Relations.

The Flag Policy

It's not every Director of Public Relations who has a Brazilian flag in his basement at home. This is the story of an employee. And a story of how policy came to be made.

When the company representative from Rio de Janeiro recently visited the home office, it occurred to Rust that he had a Brazilian flag in his basement at home. How it got there he doesn't know. But when the representative from Rio

...with the Council Administration when they were quite successful.
...from about 1910 to 1915.

Second Chair. Perhaps the best known "extra-curricular"
activity of that time is the fact that the Council, this
group of voices under the direction of the Council, was
concerned in his own right, when they appeared in and
around London during the 1910s. The Council for
this group is great. And they have to say that they cannot
accept all of the limitations that this group receives. This
activity properly might seem to have been the catalyst of
Community Relations. It was a group with a non-employee profile
which might seem to be true. But inasmuch as it
is entirely an employee group, whose members would have part
in this position even if they only seek to the fact that it
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classified under Employee Relations.

The First Chair

It is not every Director of Public Relations who has a
realized that in his treatment of them. This is the story
of an employee. And a story of how policy came to be made.

When the company representative from the Council
readily stated the same effect, it occurred to him that he
had a position that in his position at home. And it was
there on the Council's part. And what the representative from the

arrived and saw the flag of his country flying along with the American flag at the flagstaff in front of the plant, the man broke down in tears. His interpreter explained that Rust Craft could have done nothing that would have pleased this man more. It is now company policy that when foreign representatives visit the plant, their national colors shall be flown from the flagpole.

The sequel to this story points out that the efforts of a public relations man can often be overdone and should be tempered by good taste. When the salesmen from the southern districts arrived in Dedham, they were greeted by the Stars and Bars of the Confederacy flying at the flagstaff. In spite of the enthusiasm displayed by the Southern Gentlemen, the occasion was marred by irate "Yankee" citizens of Dedham phoning the plant to complain that the vulgar display was offensive to them.

Benefits

At Rust Craft there are two plans, often included in the category of internal public relations by some public relations practitioners. They are the "Profit Sharing Plan" and the "Hospitalization, Surgery, and Disability Benefit Plan".

The Profit Sharing Plan is a retirement system financed entirely by the company. All regular employees in Rust Craft's service on the last day of February each year who have at least 14 months' service prior to that date are eligible. The amount of the company's annual

received and was the first of the country. The first thing that was
 mentioned was the flag in front of the flag, the
 men drove down in tanks. His interpreter explained that these
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 and stripes of the Confederacy flying at the flagpole. In
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 the occasion was marred by these "Kangaroo" citizens of Berlin
 phoning the plant to complain that the subject display was
 offensive to them.

Summary

At least three times the plant, which included in
 the company's internal public relations by some public rela-
 tions specialists. They are the "Public Relations Plan" and
 the "Public Relations Plan". The first thing that is a settlement
 was actively by the company. All regular employees in
 East Germany's service on the last day of February were
 paid the same as last year's service. The amount of the company's annual
 case was negligible.

deposit is based on its net profits for the year. The amount credited to each individual Rust Crafter is in proportion to his earnings that year. Once placed to an employee's credit, the money cannot revert to or be used by the company, nor can it be attached for debts or other obligations, nor can it be mortgaged or assigned.

The Hospitalization, Surgery, and Disability Benefit Plan is insurance paid for by Rust Craft for each Rust Crafter contributing toward the cost of a life insurance policy under our group plan. It pays hospital and surgical benefits for employees and their dependents. These benefits are in addition to any other Benefits to which they may be entitled, Workmen's Compensation cases excepted. It also pays sickness and accident benefits to employees at the rate of 50% of his basic earnings (up to a maximum of \$40) weekly for a maximum period of thirteen weeks for any one disability...

In addition to the above insurance a special rider for polio coverage has been included and covers all Rust Crafters and their dependents.

II. DEALER RELATIONS

There is an active Dealer Relations Program at Rust Craft. This is manifest mainly because Rust Craft feels that the dealer is the most important public of the company. And it is here that the Sales Promotion philosophy of Public Relations is most apparent. Also, here will be found a program with a potential so great, both sales-promotion-wise and public-relations-wise that the company isn't quite sure what to do with it. And because of this program, which really isn't a program because there is no master plan behind it, Rust Craft stands on the brink of making a tremendous success or a tremendous flop in the field of sales promotion and in the field of public relations. This program concerns "Rustic

of Rust Craft".

Rustie of Rust Craft

Rustie of Rust Craft is the living trade mark of Rust Craft Publishers. Rust Craft compares her to Johnny of Philip Morris and Betty Furness of Westinghouse. They want her to be identified with Rust Craft as the two personalities mentioned above are identified with their company's names. However, Rustie is supposed to be filling an altogether different role. In the eyes of Fred Rust, she is filling a public relations role. In the eyes of her boss, the Sales Promotion Director, she is filling a sales promotion role. The public relations objective of Rust Craft being what it is -- it must be concluded that her role is a sales promotion role. The public relations potentialities are there, however, waiting to be utilized.

Rustie was introduced to the public as "Rustie of Rust Craft". Her real name, Mrs. Barbara Cloud, was also revealed. Later, in releases, her real name became Mrs. Rustie Cloud. And now, the company seeking to further identify her with Rust Craft has set down as policy, that for release purposes, her real name shall be Miss Barbara Rust. This is a minor example of getting off on the wrong foot. It shouldn't have happened - though little harm has been done. But it indicates the necessity for making a well thought-out plan prior to an important undertaking.

Rustie operates out of an office in the Sales Promotion Department on the second floor of the executive offices at the Dedham headquarters. She has one assistant who makes all of her appointments and handles the many details that go with the job. The assistant also originates much of the publicity material for Rustie. (In keeping with her wishes, her name will not be mentioned.) It appears that this assistant is the driving force behind the Rustie Program now although Public Relations and Sales Promotion are taking most of the credit for it. In regards to the "program" she states, "Publicity on the Rustie program is not yet worked out." She went on to amplify this statement to the author by saying that the company is still undecided on trying to make Rustie a "big name" in the sense that Johnny of Philip Morris and Betty Furness of Westinghouse are. And this seems true. The company does not seem to know what to do next.

Rustie describes her activities as more promotional than advertising. This is how she makes the distinction between herself and the other "big names". When questioned about the public relations aspects of the job, she said in effect, that promotion and public relations were the same things. Thus she bears out the company's public relations philosophy.

Fred Rust describes her role as the living trade mark of Rust Craft. She describes her role as the symbol of sentiment.

not seem to have been in the way.

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Being an aviatrix, she says her duties are speaking to groups about aviation and greeting cards. Her plane, a Luscomb 8F, a 90 horsepower, fully-instrumented, two-place, high wing monoplane, is her symbol. Painted red and cream-yellow, it is highly decorated with greeting cards painted on the fuselage. She appears at store openings, and other special events as arranged by local sales managers through the home office. (See exhibits for functional and biographical information.)

Rustie states that she has logged about 125 hours total flying time flying for Rust Craft. She has participated in the Powder Puff Derby, the annual private women pilots' cross-country air race classic; and she has made the Philadelphia J. C. Air Cruise from Philadelphia to Havana. She is a member of the Aero Club of New England; a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (A.O.P.A.), a private pilots' organization; she is the present governor of the Northeastern Section of the "99's", a private women pilots' group; and a member of the Aviation Committee of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce. She also holds the distinction of being the fourth woman in the world to fly a jet aircraft.

For her correspondence, Rustie has been provided with her own buff-colored stationery with her own individual letter head. And she has unique calling cards. (See exhibits.)

During the evening, the boys and girls are speaking to groups about welfare and creating interest. The plan is to send out a 90 newspaper, fully-informative, and also to hold a meeting, in the school, to discuss the welfare of the community. The speaker at these meetings, and other speakers, are arranged by local sales managers through the sales office. (The exhibits for historical and ethnological interest.)

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For her correspondence, the girls have been provided with their own individual folders. The girls are also making cards. (See exhibit.)

"Sentiment"

In addition to her appearances and her promotional activities, Rustie is the editor of a little magazine called "Sentiment". (The de facto editor is Jim Chamberlain.) Published quarterly, this Rust Craft publication is designed for the employees of the various dealers. In order to receive one of these magazines, the dealer simply sends to Rust Craft the names and home addresses of his employees. Rust Craft takes it from there sending the magazine to the home of each subscriber.

"Sentiment" is a women's magazine. And it is a good public relations medium. It helps a public, which strictly speaking, is not an "employee public", identify itself with Rust Craft. The articles in "Sentiment" are short feature type articles that are mainly of interest to women. For example, there will be an article on hair styles, or how to set a gracious table, or on bed spreads, and the like. Also, there will be one or two short articles on salesmanship, or on greeting cards -- the kind of articles that are more helpful than the usual sales-hustling type. While "Sentiment" is a relatively new publication, the response indicates that it will be a permanent feature of Rust Craft for a long time to come. (See exhibits.)

"Sentiment"

In addition to her appearance and her personality as
an artist, there is the matter of a little artistic method
"sentiment". (The de facto matter is the "sentimental")
I have already said that there is a distinction in the
the subjects of the various artists. In order to render
one of their subjects, the artist simply tends to treat their
the matter and more advantage of his subjects. That is all
there is to them when reading the magazine to the name of each
subject.

"Sentiment" is a woman's magazine. And it is a good
public relations medium. It is a public, which is easily
accepted, is not an "artistic public", which is not
just that. The artist in "sentiment" are about the same
type, which is that the matter of the matter is women. For ex-
ample, there will be no article on hair style, or how to set
a perfect hair, or on the subject, and the like. Also,
there will be one or two more articles on relationships, or
on reading cards - the kind of article that are more like
the other are more like the other type. While "sentiment" is
a relatively new publication, the response indicates that it
will be a permanent feature of the world for a long time to
come. (See article.)

Quarter Century Dealer Program

An important "gimmick" in Rust Craft's dealer relations is the Quarter Century Dealer Award Program. Started in 1953, Rust Craft presents to eligible dealers a beautiful illuminated parchment certificate. Suitable fanfare and publicity is usually arranged for the presentation of these certificates. While the presentation is usually made by the district sales representative, an endeavor is usually made to have Rustie present. Usually local newspapers carry the story of the presentation and, space permitting, an article will appear in the "Rustler". In order for a dealer to be eligible for this award, he has to have carried the Rust Craft line for twenty-five years and the ownership of the account has to remain unchanged during that time. (See exhibits.)

"Rustler"

The most important medium of communication between the management and the sellers, both dealers and sales force, is a magazine, "Rustler". The main purpose of the "Rustler" is to help sell more greeting cards. Rust Craft feels that its other main purpose is to establish and maintain the best possible relationship between the dealers and Rust Craft.

"Rustler" is the only house organ of its type in the greeting card industry. Its main source of material is the telling of operations and methods which dealers have used

General Country Dealer Program

An important "element" in any dealer's selection is the General Country Dealer name program. Started in 1953, most credit programs to eligible dealers a beneficial financial need program certificate. Eligible dealers and publisher usually extended the presentation of these certificates. While the presentation is usually made by the district sales representative, an advertiser is usually asked to have some program. Usually local newspaper carry the story of the presentation and, space permitting, an article will appear in the "Advertiser". In order for a dealer to be eligible for this award, he has to have carried the most credit line for twenty-five years and the ownership of the account has to remain unchanged during that time. (See exhibits.)

Advertising

The most important medium of communication between the advertiser and the advertiser, both dealer and sales force, is a magazine, "Advertiser". The main purpose of the "Advertiser" is to help sell more advertising space. Each credit line has other main purpose is to establish and maintain the best possible relationship between the dealer and his dealer.

"Advertiser" is the only house organ of the type in the advertising and industry. The main source of material is the selling of questions and answers which dealer have used

successfully as suggestions for other dealers. It also contains interesting items concerning the industry, carries useful hints for dealers, and serves as a selling aid by publicizing Rust Craft. Rust Craft states that the "Rustler" has been very successful in helping to establish a kinship among dealers.

"Rustler" is issued monthly, except in August and December. The circulation is about 1,500. It is a unique format in that it is double-covered. The outer cover, when removed, has a large sales calendar printed on the inside which serves as a sales reminder for the dealer.

The material used in the "Rustler" is gathered and sent in to the home office by the salesmen in the field. They also supply necessary photographs which are paid for by Rust Craft. (See exhibits.)

III. COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND PUBLICITY

What is community relations? What is customer relations? The endeavors in these fields by Rust Craft, being without plan, cannot be too well differentiated. So, the remainder of this chapter is lumped into this section. To Rust Craft, their community is not Dedham. It is the world at large -- everywhere in civilization where sentiment can be expressed in a written greeting. And Dedham is a Rust Craft

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customer as well as the world.

And publicity? "Publicity is the principal and most widely employed method of obtaining good relations with important sections of the public."³ This section amply demonstrates the effectiveness of publicity upon Rust Craft's community -- its public.

When asked about community relations, Rust stated that they weren't going to do anything along that line until the city fixed the street in front of the plant. A sour note -- and short-sighted? Yes. But it is indicative of the lack of a planned program for community relations.

The Letterhead

But to offset the sour, there is plenty of sweet. First, what's in a name? The correct corporate name is "Rust Craft Publishers". Knowing the name but not knowing the product, it may be assumed that Rust Craft Publishers is a publishing house. In order to prevent any wrong impressions being made, Rust redesigned the company's stationery so that there would be no doubt that Rust Craft makes greeting cards. So instead of a white sheet of paper with "Rust Craft Publishers" imprinted in black at the letterhead, now a four

³Howard Stephenson and Wesley F. Pratzner, Publicity for Prestige and Profit (New York: McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc., 1953), p. 5.

1. *Chlorophyll a* and *b* contents were determined by the method of Arar and Cook (1987).

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stantive. "Their testimony", however, the fact that making the pro-
fession, which is a fact. The correct testimony was in "that
and to others the fact, there is plenty of work."

for information and copies from your nearest office.

color letterhead graphically illustrates that Rust Craft makes greeting cards. (See exhibits.)

The Braille Card

Can a man without sight see? Yes, through his fingers. In order to bring some of the joy of Christmas to the blind, Rust Craft has developed a greeting card in Braille. Now the blind may receive Christmas cards and be able to read them themselves without the aid of others. On the back of each card is printed directions for the sender in order that he may sign his name in Braille. Now only manufacturing Braille Christmas cards, Rust Craft soon expects they will expand Braille production into the other seasonal and everyday numbers.

The Map

In the Public Relations Journal of May, 1955, Fred Rust wrote the story of the Dedham map. Dedham, being traditionally a residential community, Rust felt that some gesture of good will should be given by the new industrial plant that was to grow up there. After much research, a map of Dedham was produced showing the important historical landmarks. At first, it was planned to send one to each resident. However, it was felt that better public relations would be achieved by publishing the map in the Dedham paper and in a Boston Sunday paper. This was done, offering the map free

other testimony regarding the same case will be
presented. (See exhibit.)

The Police

Can a man without right mind, yes, through his fingers,
in order to bring down the law of the State to the State,
that State has developed a feeling that in Illinois, the law
shall not receive the same respect and be able to read that
himself without the aid of others. On the part of the
State is a feeling of respect for the law in order that he
may also be able to read. For only through the law
can the State, that State can respect the law will respect
the law produced into the State and every
man.

The Law

In the Police Relations Journal of May, 1924, Vol. 1,
and under the title of the Police Law, Illinois, being the
State of Illinois, that State has developed a feeling that in
Illinois, the law will be given by the law and the law
shall be given to the State. After more research, a law of
Illinois was produced showing the law of the State, Illinois.
At that time, it was placed in the law and the law was
given. It was felt that better Police Relations would be
achieved by publishing the law in the Police Law and in a
Police Law, that law, giving the law to the

upon request. The response was overwhelming. When a map was sent out, a letter accompanied it thanking the recipient for writing and informing him that if he wanted any more copies, they were his free for the asking. The map, as it appeared in the Boston Herald, can be found in the exhibit section of this study. (See exhibits.) Twenty of these maps were hand colored and presented to the town fathers, the public library, and the historical societies. It is said that almost every business house in Dedham displays one of these maps.

The Ground Breaking

March 19, 1954, dawned bright and clear. On that day in a newly cleared area in Dedham, over three hundred persons gathered to witness the breaking of ground at the new site of Rust Craft. Featured in the ground breaking ceremony were Donald Rust, the co-founder; Wrightson Christopher, the President of Rust Craft; Commissioner Richard Preston of the State of Massachusetts Department of Commerce; and none other than the Governor, Christian A. Herter. The public relations significance of this event was a benefit both for Rust Craft and the State of Massachusetts. It added prestige to the name of Rust Craft and the new plant. And, in the words of Governor Herter, Rust Craft deserved warm praise for its faith in Massachusetts in spite of many urgent invitations and tempting inducements offered by other states.

and the historical societies. It is said that almost every collection and presented to the same leaders, the public library, (See exhibit). Twenty of these maps were sent to the Boston Herald, and he found in the exhibit section of they were his time for the exhibit. The map, as it appeared, arrived and informing him that it he wanted any more copies, and will. A letter accompanied it thanking the recipient for their request. The response was very prompt. When a map was

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March 19, 1955, dawned bright and clear. On that day in a newly cleared area in Boston, over three hundred persons gathered to witness the breaking of ground at the new site of West Graft. Located in the ground breaking ceremony were Donald Rust, the co-founder; William Christopher, the president of West Graft; Commissioner Richard Irwin of the State of Massachusetts Department of Commerce; and many other men of the government, Charles A. Barker. The public relations efforts of this event was a beautiful day for West Graft and the State of Massachusetts. It added prestige to the name of West Graft and the new plant. And, in the words of Governor Barker, West Graft deserved every praise for its faith in Massachusetts in spite of many adverse conditions and despite the indifference of other states.

Ducks at Dedham

Rust Craft made a local release of news of a local event. And as happens in similar cases, the wire services picked up the story. It was published in all forty-eight states. The story? -- Ducks. It seems that in the course of construction of the \$3,000,000 plant, the workmen came across a duck's nest, complete with eggs waiting to hatch. Mr. Christopher, the President, a natural conservationist by avocation, called, "Halt!" For two weeks, work on the rail spur into the plant site came to a halt and stayed halted until the eggs were hatched. Result -- seven ducklings and more favorable publicity than any public relations man could have dreamed of. Rust Craft followed up the announcement of the work suspension with a special greeting card announcing the arrival of the young ducks. (See exhibits.) In this regard, a cute poem was published in the "Rustonian".

From Tenant To Landlord. . .

I have no words to tell you
 The joy within my heart;
 I can't express my feelings...
 Can't even seem to start!
 Were I a human being
 There'd be an easy way;
 I'd just go out and send you all
 A Rust Craft card today!

I would tell you first my happy news...
 Our family's finally here,
 I would name our precious little ones
 And say they're sweet and dear!
 And then my brand new family
 Would ass a post script, too, --
 A thank-you note from all of us
 To Every one of you!

THANK YOU

THEY ARE HERE

Just as their minds were a little clearer of news of a local
 event, and as happens in similar cases, the wife's nervous
 system was upset. It was published in all forty-eight
 states. The story -- about -- it seems that in the course of
 some research at the \$1,000,000 fund, the women were under
 a doctor's watch, somewhat with eyes waiting to happen. For
 Christmas, the President, a personal investigation by
 investigation, called, "What?" the two weeks, were on the call
 again into the plant also came to a halt and stayed behind
 until the eyes were washed. Thanks -- seven children and
 some favorable publicity then any public relations can easily
 have dressed of. Just as it followed up the announcement of
 the work suspended with a special greeting party announced
 the arrival of the young ladies. (See exhibit). In this re-
 gard, a note from was published in the "Washington".

THEY ARE HERE

I have no words to tell you
 The joy within my heart
 I can't express my feelings
 Can't even show to others
 Here I am happy
 There's no one else
 I'd just go and tell you all
 A huge heart told today!

I would tell you that my happy heart
 Don't really know
 I would come out from this place
 And say that I'm not here!
 And then my heart was really
 And then a great victory, too --
 A thousand more from all of us
 To every one of you!

First Steel

Not to miss a good bet in publicity, when the first steel for the Dedham plant left Bethlehem Steel's Pottstown, Pennsylvania, plant, attached to one of the steel girders in a water-proof envelope was the order for the first cards that were to be shipped from the new Dedham plant. The publicity was significant for both Pottstown and Dedham. The order was from a Pottstown dealer, a Rust Craft dealer for over thirty years; considerable publicity was reaped in both Pottstown and the Boston area. The steel got a good send-off with pictures of the dealer standing in the gondola car presenting the order to the Philadelphia Sales Representative. When the gondola arrived in Dedham, it was met by some notable sidewalk superintendents, who supervised the unloading (at least in the publicity pictures). Among these notables were Chairman Don Rust, Lieutenant Governor Sumner Whittier, Colonel Cunningham of the New Haven Railroad, and John J. Flynn of the Dedham Industrial Commission. These personalities make news -- and Rust Craft took full advantage of it.

Rust Craft was attracting more and more attention through their unceasing efforts publicity-wise. By the time the cornerstone was laid, they were able to muster a turn-out of over 1,000 persons, this time without the presence of dignitaries. It indicated that public attention and interest in the new plant was on the upsurge.

Final Report

Let us also be good in quality, when the time
 comes for the Federal plant. Let us have a
 Tennessee plant, attached to one of the main plants in
 a paper-pulp mill, and the work for the first year shall
 have to be done from the new Tennessee plant. The quality
 was sufficient for both Tennessee and Alabama. The order was
 from a Tennessee dealer, a Great Great dealer for many years
 your representative quality was noted in both Tennessee and
 the other two. The steel got a good hand-out with pleasure
 of the dealer standing in the hands of the people. When the
 order to the Tennessee plant representative, when the
 goods arrived in Alabama, it was not by any means a
 representative, the representative the standing for best in the
 public picture). Among these people were United States
 and, I believe, several other states, Colonel Thompson
 of the New York Railroad, and John A. Ryan of the United
 Industrial Commission. These representatives were new -- and
 Great Great took full advantage of it.

Great Great was attended to and was attended through
 their meeting with the quality. At the time we were
 there we had a very good to make a turn-out of over
 1,000 people, this time without the presence of dignitaries.
 It indicated that public attention and interest in the new
 plant was on the increase.

The Trailer Story

With the plant still located at 1000 Washington Street, Boston next reaped the benefits of Rust Craft's public relations efforts. Three large house trailers were converted into Display-Mobiles. These mobile units visited over 2,000 cities and towns in their first year of operations. Besides resulting in new accounts for Rust Craft, the trailers became carriers of good will. Mayor Hynes of Boston started the trailers on their journey by affixing his signature to a large greeting card from the city painted on the sides of the trailers. A year later he remarked that he considered them to be the foremost good will advertising that the City of Boston has ever put out nationally.

Two of the trailers did much to create good will among certain sections of the populace during Hurricane Edna in 1954. One of them was stationed in the Wellesley-Natick area on Route 9, the main road between Boston, Worcester and the West. It was used to aid cars in trouble and provide emergency shelter for officials who were striving to keep the road open. The other trailer was placed at the disposal of the Civilian Defense Authorities who sent it to Dover. There its generator unit provided power for the Town Hall where civilian defense and police maintained headquarters during the emergency. That kind of public relations to the community cannot be bought nor can public appreciation ever be adequately expressed.

Scrap Program

Allen Center of Motorola, at a recent meeting of the Public Relations Society of America, New England Branch, described in detail the scrap program at Motorola. The public relations value of this program is dubious in the minds of many of his listeners. Rust Craft also has a scrap program, the public relations value of which is beyond measurement. Four times a year, the scrap from the making of greeting cards is gathered up and distributed to orphanages, hospitals, schools for the handicapped, and the like. This scrap goes all over the country and to such far away places as India. Its use -- naturally, the making of greeting cards. Rust Craft has a collection of cards made from their scrap, some of which can stand along side with the best of Rust Craft. So popular has this program become that Rust Craft can no longer meet the demand for this scrap. Its value in creating good will -- can some youngster's feeling of accomplishment be less than that of Fred Rust's when he made his first card in that small room in Kansas City back in 1906?

Guided Tours

For the asking, a visitor at the Rust Craft plant in Dedham will be taken on a guided tour of the entire plant. The guides are thoroughly trained in their work. And for the tough technical questions that they cannot answer, they will introduce the visitor to an employee who can and will answer

United States

After dinner at 10:30, at a recent meeting of the
Public Relations Society of America, New England Council, 14-
century in detail the same program at 10:30. The public
relations value of this program is evident in the light of
many of the features. What that also has a long program,
the public relations value of which is beyond comparison.
Four films - first, the story from the history of printing and
its relation to the development of newspapers, magazines,
radio for the handicapped, and the film. That story goes
all over the country and so does the story of India.
It is - in brief, the making of printing news. Last
year was a collection of cards from their story, some
on which are shown along with the rest of that story.
No popular has this program because that that story can be
longer and the demand for this story. The value in covering
good will - the good program's feeling of responsibility
is less than that of the other story in the story and
in that story is shown the story in 1941.

United States

For the evening, a visitor to the first place in
Boston will be found in a quiet room at the same place.
The visitor is especially invited to their work. And for the
long technical questions that they cannot answer they will
introduce the visitor to an employee who can and will answer

the question in a most friendly and courteous manner. Either at the beginning or at the end of the tour, the visitor will be seated in the plush chairs of the conference room to see Rust Craft's new 16 mm. sound and color movie. This film, largely through the painstaking efforts of Fred Rust, Jr., is a professional production which tells the story of the greeting card and its making.

Conclusion

One final story concludes this chapter. Just to show that a public relations director's job isn't all peaches and cream, -- after this beautiful film was produced, the management was not willing to expend the funds necessary to purchase the expensive sound-projection equipment needed to show the film at the plant. The frontal or direct attack approach fell on deaf ears. Rust then mustered the help of the personnel people and the industrial relations staff. With Rust pushing them, they approached management with the argument that this equipment was a necessity to them for showing training films to the employees. Today, Fred Rust has his projection equipment. Who says that a public relations man doesn't have to be versatile and have imagination?

And how successful is public relations at Rust Craft? When the plant held Open House to celebrate its opening, over 10,000 persons came out in 98 degree heat to be present at

the affair. With a planned public relations program, which must come eventually, it safely can be predicted that public relations at Rust Craft will have a glorious future.

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CHAPTER VI

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The findings and conclusions of this study are presented in this chapter. By no means complete, they are presented merely as suggestions, and as a guide for possible future studies and/or action.

I. FINDINGS

Most of the findings are self-evident in the text of this study. Now that the study has been completed, the more significant findings of the author are presented here in summary.

Organization

There is no formal organization chart or organization manual for Rust Craft Publishers. Only by custom and tradition and by word of mouth can it be determined who within the company is responsible to whom. Possible result: in critical policy decisions, confusion may result making it necessary to refer these matters to a higher level of organization when these decisions should be made at a lower level.

Objectives

Rust Craft Publishers have no published public relations objectives. There is no point to any activity without a goal.

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Objectives

West Coast Publishing has no published policy or mission objectives. There is no point in any activity without a goal.

Public Relations Program

No planned public relations program is evident at Rust Craft. Nor has the role of public relations been determined. Since there are no public relations objectives, it is not surprising that there is no planned public relations program. While certain publics are recognized, no effort has been made to define these publics. There is no written policy manual or procedures manual for public relations operations or guidance.

Rustie of Rust Craft

There is no definition of the role of Rustie of Rust Craft in the company's public relations efforts. No planned program of activities has been formulated for attaining the company's objectives through her. Nor have the objectives been announced, either for public relations or sales promotion.

Disaster Plan

There is no disaster plan.

II. CONCLUSIONS

The conclusions presented here are merely suggested courses of action that can be taken based upon the findings of this study. The ultimate decision about what course of action should be followed rests with the top management of

Public Relations Program

No formal public relations program is evident at this time. However, the role of public relations has been defined. Since there are no public relations activities, it is not possible to state that there is no formal public relations program. While certain public relations activities are mentioned, no effort has been made to define these public relations. There is no written policy manual or procedures manual for public relations operations or guidance.

Public Relations Staff

There is no definition of the role of public relations in the company's public relations efforts. No formal program of activities has been formulated for establishing the company's objectives through public relations. For these objectives have been established, either for public relations or other purposes.

Dissemination

There is no dissemination plan.

III. CONCLUSIONS

The conclusions presented here are merely suggested. The company's public relations efforts are based upon the findings of this study. The ultimate decision should be made by the company's management.

Rust Craft. Based upon the manpower, money, time and talent available -- as evidenced by what has already been done -- it is the author's opinion that an effective public relations organization can be established which will produce an effective public relations program.

Organization

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This organization manual should outline in detail the authority and responsibilities of each department within the company, and of each person within each department.

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Objectives

There is an old saw that goes, "We'll cross that bridge when we come to it." When he hears that, the author often wonders how the speaker knows that the bridge will even be there. Howard Walden Cutler, in Bernays' "The Engineering of Consent", states:

Without an objective any activity becomes pointless. Yet, too often, individuals, groups, organizations, and corporations engage in some phase or phases of public relations work without really knowing precisely what they want to accomplish thereby.

They usually think they have an objective, and in a vague general way this is true. The corporation wants to increase sales...

But such generalized objectives can at most only define an ultimate goal...

Every successful public relations campaign must be predicated on laying out in advance a whole series of objectives to be attained one after the other in orderly fashion. The cumulative effect of their total realization is the achievement of the ultimate over-all goal.

Unless such a series of objectives is defined in advance, there cannot be but wasted time, effort, and money as a result of whatever activity is undertaken...

When the objectives are finally set forth, they should express realizable goals predicated on the synthesized experience of the client and his public relations counsel.

The author can add very little to what has been said so well by Mr. Cutler. However, the last paragraph above does lead the author to one recommendation -- that Rust Craft engage suitable public relations counsel. From the same work cited above:

The client, no matter what his problem, represents the body of practical knowledge peculiar to his field. The public relations counsel symbolizes those specialized skills in communications and group-adjustments which can be brought to bear on the client's problem.

If Chambers and Wiswell can satisfactorily do the job at hand -- fine. If not, then it is recommended that public relations counsel be engaged.

There is one additional recommendation to supplement the one just previously made. A separate budget should be set up for public relations exclusively -- completely divorced from advertising. It may prove necessary to cut out the public relations activities of the advertising agency and obtain separate public relations counsel. This counsel, because of Mr. Cutler's opinion stated above, plus counsel's fresh, outside viewpoint, will be of great assistance in the formulation of the public relations objectives of Rust Craft Publishers.

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...to the public relations objectives of these clients.

Public Relations Program

The objectives having been decided upon, there remains the means of reaching these objectives. The means of attaining Rust Craft's public relations goals will be the public relations program -- "efforts to integrate attitudes and actions of an institution with its publics and of the publics with that institution."⁴ The institution, in this case, being Rust Craft.

Through public relations, an individual or group can ensure that public decisions are based on knowledge and understanding. The public makes vital decisions at the ballot box and the counter. (Emphasis supplied.) People get their information in great part from the mass media that serve as a source for attitudes and action. Such knowledge is a prerequisite to sound decisions.⁵

The author is in no position to make concrete specific recommendations in regard to a public relations program. Such recommendations should be made by the Director of Public Relations with the advice and assistance of counsel. Together they will have formulated the objectives and will best know how to go about reaching these objectives.

The author, however, will recommend that a public relations manual be prepared stating the objectives of the company and prescribing the methods for carrying out the

⁴Bernays, loc. cit.

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Respectfully,
J. B. Smith

Director, Public Relations

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One specific item that should be brought to the attention of management is this: How effective are the house organs? In formulating the public relations program, a critical examination of the three house organs of Rust Craft should be made to determine if they are accomplishing the purposes for which they are intended. No doubt public relations counsel will bring this matter up. It may prove that the house organs will, in effect, become better sales promotion media if their publication were under the direct supervision of the Director of Public Relations.

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Rustie of Rust Craft

In regard to Rustie of Rust Craft, there is little that can be recommended at this time. First, the objectives that are to be accomplished must be determined. Then an understanding of what role Rustie is to play in regard to the public relations program and the sales promotion program will have to be arrived at. Only then can public relations counsel and Rust Craft map out a program utilizing Rustie in attaining the public relations goals of the company.

A long, hard look at the appropriateness of Rustie as the "Symbol of Sentiment" should be considered. "A symbol, in the sense it is used in public relations, is the representative of a theme."⁶ Does an aviatrix symbolize sentiment? Aviation has long been considered a man's field although some highly regarded women have made their marks in the field. Amelia Earhart and Ruth Rowland Nichols to name two. Rust Craft's own figures given on page 16 of this study indicate that 85% of all greeting cards are purchased by women. Yet, the air age has not yet progressed to the point where anywhere near 50% of the licensed pilots are women. The author finds it hard to relate an aviatrix as the symbol of sentiment. It is true that flying is a means of rapid communications.

⁶ Edward L. Bernays (ed.), The Engineering of Consent (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1955), p. 138.

But it may also be thought of as adventure, or as the conquest of the natural elements, or as escape. It is recommended that this matter of symbol be given serious consideration. To the author, an aviatrix as a symbol of sentiment seems as foreign as an elephant at a Democratic convention.

Many corporations have undertaken to encourage and support a public service as a public relations program, or as a sales promotion program. Mental health, safe driving, and accident prevention in the home are among some. If Rustie is not a symbol of sentiment -- then what? Perhaps Rust Craft can find a way to use Rustie as a public service. Promotion of private flying, improvement of small airports, support for the Civil Air Patrol or the Ground Observer Corps., the promotion of flying instruction in high schools as an aid to national defense -- all these are just some of the possibilities. And the name of Rust Craft will be before the public as much, if not more, than as it is now.

Disaster Plan

Disaster strikes. The press is clamoring for the story. An embarrassed executive gives a cover-up story to the press. Why this particular executive? It happens that the Director of Public Relations is away and cannot be reached. Two days later the truth comes out. Two years later, a bad feeling still exists between Rust Craft and the

public, particularly, the press. Why? Because no written instructions to be followed in the event of a disaster were available to guide that executive. May it never happen at Rust Craft.

It is strongly recommended that Rust Craft immediately draw up written instructions on the procedures to be followed in the event of disaster. These instructions should be in the hands of all executives, and in the hands of Chambers and Wiswell and any subsequent public relations counsel. Then, in event of disaster, any and all who might be concerned with dealing with the press will be well aware of what the company's policy is. It is hoped that company policy will be to tell the truth -- to admit the bad news. By baring the truth and facing the facts that might hurt, Rust Craft will maintain the public's confidence and retain the good relations they now have with the press.

All of the above suggestions have been made with the hope that Rust Craft will find the manpower, money, time and talent to carry them out. Also the desire to carry them out. This is by no means a complete outline of all that can be done. It is presented here as a starting point.

III. REMARKS

In this study is seen an example of public relations as a sales promotion tool. While Rust Craft is a manufacturer, it may be implied that the prime function of this company is sales. It has been shown how public relations activities have been effectively used in the sales promotion activities of a company, especially in regard to their dealer and community relations. Employee relations activities also have effectively used public relations techniques in fostering a spirit of "family", pride in good craftsmanship, and in stimulating sales promotion by individual employees through their role in the community as a communication medium evidencing their pride and confidence in the product they help produce.

While not formally organized, a company can make considerable progress through collective management. By means of this cooperative endeavor, it may seem desirable to use the group-decision process in the management of a sales-oriented company. The fact that public relations does not hold a rigid position in the organization may better lend itself to many of the "creative problems" encountered in a highly competitive field. However, the value of more clearly defined duties which are better publicized, as would be the case if a company were formally organized, would result in more specialization of the executives; and it would result in

III. CONCLUSIONS

In this study is seen an example of public relations as a sales promotion tool. While this itself is a somewhat-odd, it may be implied that the entire function of this company is sales. It has been shown that public relations activities have been effectively used in the sales promotion activities of a company, especially in regard to their dealer and consumer relations. Analogous relations activities also have effectively used public relations techniques in fostering a spirit of "loyalty" and in good citizenship, and in stimulating sales generated by individual employees. Public relations in the community as a communication medium also has been quite and confidence in the product they help produce.

While not formally organized, a company can use public relations practices through collective arrangements. By means of this cooperative method, it can even develop to use the group-decision process in the management of a sales-oriented company. The fact that public relations does not hold a rigid position in the organization may better lead itself to many of the "creative problems" encountered in a highly competitive field. However, the value of such closely defined duties which are better qualified, as would be the case if a company were formally organized, would result in more specification of the executives; and it would result in

better executive development within a company. Further, it would simplify the task of finding new blood for specific positions as the elder members of an organization retire or pass away. The need for specialization in medium and large modern industrial organizations can hardly be escaped today.

As a company expands, it becomes less and less important for top management to be intimately acquainted with every detail of all operations, sales, manufacturing, or accounting. In fact, it becomes impossible. More and more problems of a policy nature take up management's time leaving less time for detail. For the top management of a sales organization, the continual pressure of sales life must be escaped in order to do policy thinking.

With increased growth, the social responsibilities of a company increase. Therefore, the role of public relations in a company must not be limited to sales promotion, publicity, or any one activity alone. Public relations must be fully utilized in all phases of a company's corporate activities. Just as the lawyer assures that his company complies with its legal responsibilities, the public relations practitioner must guide a company's policies so that it will effectively assume its proper social responsibilities to itself and the community at large.

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With increased growth, the social responsibilities of a company increase. Therefore, the role of public relations in a company must not be limited to sales promotion, publicity, or any one activity alone. Public relations must be truly defined as all phases of a company's contact with society. Just as the company grows, the company's contact with the legal responsibilities, the public relations responsibilities must grow. A company's relation to the public must be actively aware of proper social responsibilities at levels and the company at large.

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